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Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

7-18 August
Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Convention to Combat Desertification

9 August
International Day of the World's Indigenous People

4-15 September
Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing

31 July 1995

SAN FRANCISCO HONOURS UN CHARTER

UN Photo

The Secretary-General confers with Archbishop Tutu in San Francisco.

Appropriately chosen as the site to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter, on 26 June, San Francisco was basking in the lime-light and excitement generated by a visit from Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, US President Bill Clinton, and 150 UN Ambassadors. The city's UN50 committee headed the commemoration.

The day's events began with the dedication of San Francisco's United Nations Plaza. The Secretary-General, joined by US Ambassador Ms. Shirley Black and the Mayor of San Francisco, Frank Jordan, encouraged visitors "never to abandon the vision of a better world, which the UN is intended to achieve".

Following the dedication, the Secretary-General participated in the Charter ceremony held at the Opera House, which opened to the dramatic music of the Opera de Lyon symphony. As the Ambassadors proceeded across the stage flanked by their nation's flags, the name of each Member State appeared on a huge screen in the background and the UN Charter was prominently displayed centre stage.

Speakers praise UN

Following the procession, Archbishop Desmond Tutu led the audience in prayer, calling for a "more people-friendly society". In his welcoming remarks, General Assembly President Amara Essy said that "age had not withered the Charter". After screening a video on the birth of the UN, ABC newsman David Brinkley introduced the Secretary-General.

In his opening remarks, the Secretary-General said "The Charter created here is more than a document of history, it is the foundation stone of international relations". US Ambassador Madeleine Albright encouraged leaders to "believe in the dream that began here 50 years ago", after viewing a video highlighting UN achievements. Following a perfomance by the San Francisco Opera and Canada's Scarborough School's Concert Choir, Dr. Maya Angelou read a poem written for the event in which she called for a world "where every man and woman can live freely without sanctimonious piety and without crippling fear".

US pledges continued support

Senior newsman Walter Cronkite, in a taped video message, set the stage for continued US support for the Organization. US Secretary of State Warren Christopher seconded his remarks, by reminding participants that they were there to "rededicate themselves to the ideals of the UN Charter", adding that the UN had allowed the US to marshall international support for common goals and interests. US President Clinton concluded the commemoration stating that the "UN had played a vital role in making people more free and more secure on every continent". Despite his calls for reform, he stressed that the US should pay its fair share of the Organization's costs. DPI broadcast the ceremony live to the General Assembly Hall at Headquarters.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-General spoke at a luncheon hosted by Mayor Jordan. "Enhancing peace, achieving progress towards development, promoting human rights, advancing international law - these were the goals of those who created the UN 50 years ago. They are the goals of today", he said.

SECRETARY-GENERAL VISITS EUROPE AND AFRICA

The Secretary-General's scheduled tour, which began on 29 June in Europe, was ended prematurely in Africa on 18 July when he was forced to postpone visiting Turkey and return to Geneva to deal with the growing crisis in Bosnia.

In Geneva

Upon his arrival in Geneva on 29 June, the Secretary-General met with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev. The following day in Berne, he discussed peace and security, economic and social activities and UN50 with President Kasper Villiger and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Flavio Cotti **(SG/T/1969)**. After holding meetings with senior UN offcials, he welcomed, on 3 July, the Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia, Alexiy II, emphasizing the role religion had to play in promoting tolerance and peace **(SG/SM/5673)**. Later that day, he addressed the Institute of Higher International Studies, stating that the UN had "an enormous range of activities to clarify, improve and re-think" **(SG/SM/5674)**. On 4 July, the Secretary-General opened ECOSOC's high-level segment on African development (page 7). He also participated in a number of activities to commemorate the UN Fiftieth Anniversary on 5 July (page 3).

After a 6 July meeting with Yassar Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority, in which the Secretary-General discussed the reconstruction of Gaza and aid to the area, he opened the International Meeting on Mine Clearance, recommending a global ban on the production and use of land-mines. Speaking at the Conference on Disarmament that evening, the Secretary-General called for "a halt to all nuclear testing without exception" **(SG/SM/5681)**. Prior to leaving Geneva, the Secretary-General held talks on East Timor and the former Yugoslavia.

Arriving in Athens on 9 July for a three-day official visit, the Secretary-General met with Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias and Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou to discuss the UN Operation in Cyprus, and relations with Macedonia and Turkey. The following day he met with Greek President Stephanopoulos and was awarded the Onassis International Prize for International Understanding and

Photo: ARGYROPOULOS

Secretary-General addresses UN staff at UNIC Athens

Social Achievement. The Secretary-General also visited **UNIC Athens**, where he spoke to a group of former and present UN staff. En route to Cairo on 12 July, the Secretary-General met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Borg El Arab, to exchange views on the situation in the Middle East.

In Africa

Beginning the final leg of his African tour on 13 July, the Secretary-General travelled to Entebbe, Uganda, where he met with President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and Minister for Foreign Affairs Rukahana Rugunda and expressed his gratitude for Uganda's peace efforts in Burundi and Rwanda **(SG/T/1979)**. That afternoon, the Secretary-General arrived in Kigali, Rwanda, where he urged the leadership to intensify its efforts to restore normalcy following last year's tragic events. He also visited UNAMIR headquarters.

The Secretary-General then spent 14-16 July in Luanda, Angola, to assess the current status of the peace process. Pleased with the progress made, the Secretary-General praised President dos Santos and UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi for their "perseverance, courage, and political imagination" **(SG/T/1981)**.

After a stop-over in Zaire to meet President Mobuto Sese Seko, the Secretary-General, in Burundi on 16 July, announced the establishment of an International Commission of Enquiry into the recently failed coup attempt and assured the people of Burundi that they had not been abandoned **(SG/SM/5685)**. He ended his tour in Addis Ababa on 17 July after meeting with President Ato Meles Zenawi and Salim Ahmed Salim, President of the OAU.

GENEVA MARKS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The United Nations Office at Geneva kicked off its official UN anniversary commemoration on 5 July with a ceremony, the opening of the art exhibit "Dialogues for Peace" and the "Musicians of the World" concert. **UNIS Geneva** organized a press conference for the Secretary-General on the occasion, while the Director gave daily press briefings.

Presiding at the official ceremony, the Secretary-General called for a reaffirmation of faith in the UN, a new world wide social pact aimed at eliminating extreme poverty and suffering, a new general mobilization for Africa and a departure from national egoism and isolationist temptations **(SG/SM/5677)**.

Following the ceremony, an international exhibition of contemporary art entitled "Dialogues of Peace" was opened. Organized by the Association Française d'Action Artistique in collaboration with the Geneva UN50 Committee, the exhibit incorporates some 60 paintings, sculptures and installations placed throughout the Palais des Nations and Adriana Park.

Photo: Keystone

President Arafat, the Secretary-General, curator Adelina von Furstenberg and Mrs. Boutros Boutros-Ghali tour the Dialogues of Peace

Shown above is the work of Chinese artist Chen Zen, entitled "Round Table". It is constructed of a large table embedded with chairs collected from five continents representing the world's different races and social levels, symbolizing equality and tolerance. The exhibit can be viewed on the World Wide Web at **http://un50-afaa.itu.ch/**.

The commemoration concluded with the "Musicians of the World" concert. Conducted by Sir Georg Solti, the company was comprised of 180 members from 43 orchestras, dedicated to peace and tolerance **(Press release ANV/216)**.

UN LAUNCHES PSAs

The Video Section of DPI's Media Division is producing a series of 60-second TV Public Service Announcements (PSAs) entitled the "Fiftieth Anniversary UN Minutes", focusing on influential personalities, historic events and significant global developments. These segments, compiled with material drawn from the UN's extensive archive, are available in English in NTSC, PAL and SECAM formats. Topics of the 26 segments produced to date include: the signing of the UN Charter; the Middle East; refugees; Count Bernadotte; Ralphe Bunche; South Africa; construction of UN Headquarters; human rights; Dag Hammarskjöld; Eleanor Roosevelt; Central America; UNICEF; Cambodia; outer space; food; peace-keeping; Namibia; aviation; telecommunications; Law of the Sea; environment; women; UN guided tours; decolonization; disarmament and the Security Council. The PSAs are currently broadcast on CNN International and are provided free-of-charge to broadcasters through DPI's Audio-Visual Promotion and Distribution Section, Tel. 212-963-1807, Fax 212-963-6869.

UN50 introduced its Global Video Campaign at the 42nd International Advertising Festival on 23 June in Cannes. Highlighting the work of the UN, this campaign consists of 30- and 60-second spots donated by top firms from every region of the world. Nine segments, from more than 125 submissions, were selected for distribution from Argentina, Australia, the Czech Republic, Mozambique, South Africa, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States. The PSAs focus on issues including health, refugees, environment, children, democratization, human rights, peace-keeping, hunger and women. *The New York Times*, in a 10 July review, reported that the ads relied on the "wow factor", a reversal of expectations, to capture the viewer's attention.

Available in all six UN official languages, the PSAs will be distributed internationally. Twelve one-minute radio and 11 print PSAs highlighting UN system achievements were also produced. UNICs have been sent one set of the PSAs and are encouraged to urge local media to publicize the ads. Ms. Ann Garfield Black is the project coordinator, Tel. 212-963-1348; Fax 212-963-1185.

A number of UNICs organized UN Charter ceremonies to coincide with the historic signing of the UN Charter in San Francisco on 26 June, 1945. **UNIC Santa Fé de Bogotá** and the UN50 National Committee of Colombia organized a ceremony with President Ernesto Samper held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The event included the reading of a message from the Secretary-General and a gala concert. In Peru, more than 400 people attended **UNIC Lima's** colourful UN Charter ceremony that included a parade of 185 children carrying the flags of Member States and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at the United Nations Plaza. **UNIC Panamá** reported that a tribute to the signing of the UN Charter was held at the Presidential Palace and two leading newspapers, the *Star & Herald* and *El Panamá* dedicated editorials to the Organization.

UNIC Buenos Aires

UNIC Buenos Aires organizes a "colour-in" to introduce the book "Rescue Mission: Planet Earth" to children.

In connection with the April International Book Fair in Argentina, **UNIC Buenos Aires** maintained a UN information booth and organized a number of UN50 activities, including the performance of UNESCO's Goodwill Ambassador Susan Rinaldi and the presentation of the Spanish-language version of *Rescue Mission: Planet Earth*, the children's interactive version of Agenda 21.

Youth activities have been a priority for other UNICs as well. **UNIC Dakar** co-organized a panel discussion on UN50 where a lively debate between students and teachers took place. **UNIC Brussels** participated in the final Model UN Session, organized by the youth NGO "Jongeren en de Wereld", culminating a year-long UN education campaign. More than 500 students took part in the session held at the European Parliament. In addition, the **UNO in Belarus** reported that more than 30 leaders of youth NGOs in Belarus participated in a round-table discussion devoted to UN50 entitled "Belarussian Youth in the International Community".

The UN50 mobile poster exhibit mounted by the **UNO in Azerbaijan** has been well-received by the community. Dignitaries speaking at the exhibit's opening ceremony, attended by more than 300 people, highlighted the UN's past achievements and outlined future challenges. In addition, **UNIC Maseru**, **UNIC Bucharest** and **UNIC Santa Fé de Bogotá** have reported the launch of new national UN50 commemorative stamps.

Media Outreach

Media coverage of the UN Fiftieth Anniversary has increased, in part due to the efforts of the UNICs. **UNIC Brussels** reports that the Director was interviewed by the TV Network TeleBrussel on "UN50: Aims and Activities". **UNIC Maseru** has encouraged two national newspapers to carry special sections on the "UN at 50". Also, a front-page interview with the Director of **UNIC Tehran** appeared in the *Tehran Times*. In addition, **UNIC Washington** successfully placed a story in *The Washington Times* on the two Russian cyclists who were making their way from Siberia to New York in honour of UN50.

The cyclists, Konstantin I. Kreknin, general director of "Press Inform", an economic information agency, and Fyodor Krivosheev, radio broadcast editor at Kuzbass, a TV and radio broadcasting company, have successfully completed their journey. Since departing Moscow on 9 May, the cyclists made their way through Belarus, Poland, Germany, Luxembourg and France, collecting messages of goodwill from well-wishers. Despite a few set backs, such as a lost bicycle during a flight from Paris and several flat tires, the two adventures landed in San Francisco. From there, it took them five weeks to cycle to North Carolina, where the bikes finally gave out. Before returning home, the marathoners visited **UNIC Washington** and UN Headquarters in New York -- by bus, of course.

Several UNICs planned observances of UN commemorative days over the past month. On the occasion of World Environment Day, 5 June, **UNIC Manila** and the NGO "Think Clean! Think Green" organized an event that stimulated a three-hour discussion on environmental issues and the lead editorial in the *Manila Bulletin*. **UNIC Sana'a**, UNDP and the Yemen National Environment Council organized a press conference held at UNIC resulting in a debate between journalists and the panellists. **UNIC Bucharest** widely disseminated the Secretary-General's message on the occasion, which was well-publicized by television, radio and several daily newspapers. **UNIC Buenos Aires** sponsored two World Environment Day events; a panel discussion with industry experts, and an educational programme and a puppet show for 200 primary school children. UNIC also created a display of the children's artwork. **UNIC Panamá** helped children take part in the occasion by organizing a play on the issue.

Photo: UNIC Panamá

UNIC Panamá presents its World Environment Day play.

In addition, UNIC organized a forum under the theme "We the People, United for a Better Environment" with the University of Panamá , the National Commission on the Environment and the National Institute of Natural Renewable Resources.

UNICs also observed three other International Days. **UNIS Geneva** achieved good media coverage of the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, 17 June, by preparing and distributing a comprehensive media information package in cooperation with the Interim Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought and UNEP. On the occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, 26 June, **UNIC Port of Spain**, in collaboration with the National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme and the Rebirth House (a rehabilitation Centre for addicts), organized a 10 K run against drugs. UNIC also provided schools, through the Ministry of Education, with a number of ideas to help students understand the dangers, including anti-drug exhibitions and student debates. In addition, the Director of **UNIC Dakar** participated in the 1 July observance of the International Day of Cooperatives, organized by the Federation Nationale des Cooperatives du Senegal.

Translations

UNICs report that interest in local language translations of UN publications is on the rise. As a result, **UNIC Lome** is translating the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women into two local languages, Kabye and Ewe, in preparation for the Beijing Conference. In July, the **UNO in Belarus** presented the first National Human Development Report in Belarussian, English and Russian. Also, **UNIC Lima's** launch of the Spanish-language versions of *Agenda for Peace* and *Agenda for Development* were well-attended. Articles appeared in the following newspapers: *Expreso, Gestation, La Industria* and *El Mundo*.

Seminars

UNIC seminars provide a good forum to educate the public about the work of the UN. **UNIC Lisbon's** recent seminar on the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea included conservation tips. **UNIC Maseru** underscored the importance of regional cooperation at a recent lecture on "The Quest for Regional Cooperation in Africa". **UNIC Lagos** organized two Social Summit follow-up discussions on "The Role of the Media in Social Development" and "The Role of Academic Institutions in Social Development". Both seminars were well-attended and received coverage in the local newspaper the *Daily Times*.

DPI TRAINS UNIC STAFF

UN Photo

ASG Samir Sanbar welcomes UNIC Reference Assistants to training programme

Reference Assistants from 13 UNICs participated in an annual training programme at Headquarters from 19 to 23 June. They came from UNICs in Brazzaville, Buenos Aires, Lima, London, Lusaka, Manila, Moscow, Port of Spain, Rio de Janeiro, Santa Fé de Bogotá, Tehran, Tunis and Washington D.C.

The programme is designed to help UNIC staff improve the technical knowledge and skills needed to provide efficient services to the users of the reference libraries at the Centres. For most, it was their first opportunity to visit Headquarters and absorb the technological advances made by the UN.

In addition to attending training sessions with librarians at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library on the organization and management of UN documentation, the Reference Assistants learned new ways of accessing UN documentation on-line, including via the electronic bulletin board on cc:mail, the Internet Gopher, and the new World Wide Web UN Home Page. They also were instructed in the use of the "UNBIS Plus on CD-Rom", the database of the United Nations bibliographical information system.

In evaluating the programme, the participants reported gaining a better appreciation of the process involved in the production and distribution of documents and reference materials, learning how to access and store information electronically, and feeling more a part of the same team after having met colleagues at Headquarters.

According to Information Centres Service Chief Graeme Warner, plans are underway to upgrade the UNICs computers, helping them keep pace with the public demand for information about the UN.

NEGOTIATIONS RESULT IN AGREEMENT

Agreements have been reached on a few issues that have caused concern during preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women (FWCW), such as the use of the term "gender" and the location of the NGO Forum. Questions regarding the meaning of the term "gender" as it appears in the Draft Platform for Action were laid to rest by a Contact Group that, after close study, determined that the term "gender" is intended to be interpreted and understood as it is in ordinary, generally accepted usage. After negotiations, NGOs have accepted the location of the Forum, 30 miles from the Conference site. The host government, for its part, has promised improved communications, including hundreds of international telephone lines, closed circuit TV coverage, regular shuttle buses, computer connections and a satellite link between the Forum and the Conference site. The government also has agreed to provide visas to all NGOs accredited to the Forum. In addition, the Chinese will establish a site close to the Conference from which NGOs can lobby delegates.

DPI PLANS THIRD JOURNALIST ENCOUNTER

DPI is organizing a third FWCW Journalist Encounter in cooperation with UNDP and **UNIC Accra** to be held on 10 August. The Encounter will highlight issues raised in the African Platform for Action, proposed last November at the African regional preparatory meeting in Senegal. Conference Secretary-General Gertrude Mongella will brief journalists, including some 15 sponsored by DPI.

UNDP SPONSORS THE BEIJING EXPRESS

Women from Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States now have the opportunity to travel to the FWCW in style. The Beijing Express, a modern train that can accomodate 300 passengers, will depart Warsaw on 20 August and pick up passengers in Minsk, Belarus; Moscow and Irkutsk, Russia; Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and continue on to Beijing. En route, the women will participate in workshops covering key Conference issues. UNDP is seeking government contributions to cover the $2,000 ticket price.

MOTHER TERESA VISITS DPI

UN Photo

DPI staff welcomes Mother Teresa to Mr. Sanbar's office

Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information Samir Sanbar recently presented Mother Teresa with a commemorative medal of the International Year of the Homeless, as admiring DPI staff looked on. After meeting with the Secretary-General, Mother Teresa dropped by DPI to meet Mr. Sanbar. "We have vowed to help the poorest of the poor," said Mother Teresa. "We have no government grant coming in, only the continual love from people around the world", she added. Well-known for caring for the most unfortunate, Mother Teresa has helped many young prostitutes become happily married with families of their own. When given the gift of a gold ring by one staff member, she exclaimed, "Oh, now I can make two rings for my girls when I give them in marriage!" Staff members also made a small contribution to Mother Teresa's charities. Although her visit was brief, Mother Teresa's optimism and sense of humour will not be forgotten.

NEW NGOS TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH DPI

DPI's Committee on NGOs met on 15 June and approved association with 38 NGOs from 16 countries, including Argentina, Australia, Cameroon, Colombia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States and Venezuela. As part of their association with DPI, these NGOs have agreed to help build public support for UN programmes and goals **(Press release NGO/256)**.

SECRETARY-GENERAL CALLS FOR MINE BAN

Addressing the International Meeting of Mine Clearance in Geneva on 6 July, Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali called on the international community to ban land-mine use and production. He said that anti-personnel land-mines were "perverse and insidious methods of mass destruction, in that they blindly strike civilian populations". A delegate from Angola underscored this point when he stated that 70,000 refugees returning to Angola would be given a "tragic reception by silent murderers awaiting in the fields". The three-day meeting concluded after having raised $87 million for land-mine related activities, including $21.6 million in pledges to the Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Clearance **(Press releases IHA/570-576)**.

ECOSOC EXAMINES AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT

The Secretary-General told ECOSOC's high-level segment, meeting on African development on 4 and 5 July in Geneva, that a primary condition for development is peace. He also said that among the factors hindering economic development are inadequate infrastructures, weak institutions, under-utilized human resources, vulnerability to natural disasters, unfavourable terms of trade, population growth, environmental deterioration and debt. Several speakers pointed out that lack of capital made sustainable development impossible, and called for urgent debt reduction or cancellation. Urgent action is needed because official development assistance to Africa is unlikely to increase, according to General Assembly President Amara Essy. Mr. Essy also reasoned that "the will on the part of Africans to take in hand their own economic and social development deserves the international community's full support".

The Secretary-General's proposals for African development, focusing on aid, debt reduction and trade, were presented to the high-level segment in his report "The Development of Africa, including the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s" **(E/1995/81)**. DPI's Africa Recovery Section has prepared a press summary of the report **(Press releases ECOSOC/5590/Rev.1-5594, GA/8892)**.

UN RADIO

UN Radio is producing a ten-programme series outlining the critical areas of concern identified in the FWCW Draft Platform For Action.

POVERTY- examines the feminization of poverty and promotion of women's economic self-reliance.

HEALTH- studies women's lack of access to primary health care, their vulnerability to AIDS, their special health needs and promotion of women's preventive health programmes.

VIOLENCE - shows the extent of the problem, recognized as a violation of women's human rights, as well as suggestions for eliminating it.

ARMED AND OTHER CONFLICTS - focuses on the special ways in which women are affected and the need to bring more women into conflict resolution.

ECONOMIC DISPARITY- examines ways to help women overcome barriers to economic empowerment, why much of the work women do is not counted and why their access to land, capital and technology is limited.

POLITICS - analyzes discriminatory attitudes that restrict women's political participation and how some women have overcome these restrictions.

HUMAN RIGHTS - discusses how women's human rights are often denied in the name of tradition or culture and the importance of enacting laws to safeguard women's rights and machineries to monitor them.

MASS MEDIA - focuses on ways in which the media conveys negative stereotypes of women and how women are combatting such negative portrayals.

ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT - examines women's pivotal role in environmental conservation and the need to involve more women in environmental decision-making.

EDUCATION- highlights discrimination in limiting girl's access to school and ways to achieve education for all by removing gender disparities.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

UN in Brief (DPI/1223/Rev.2;E)

The Girl Child (DPI/1658/Wom;E)

Notes for Speakers: The United Nations at 50 (DPI/1698;E)

Seeds of a New Partnership: Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations (DPI/1434/IND;S)

Indigenous Women: Taking Control of Their Destiny (DPI/1717/HR;E/F/S)

The United Nations and the Advancement of Women, the sixth volume in the Blue Book series (DPI/1679;C/E).

UN IN ACTION

The following videos have been produced:

- Food for Burundi's Refugees, No. 403, Dur.2'54"
- Nuclear Firestorm, No.404, Dur.3'12"
- Judicial System in Rwanda, No.405, Dur.2'41"

JUNIC MEETS IN PARIS

Representatives of 23 member organizations took part in the twenty-first session of the Joint United Nations Information Committee (JUNIC) in Paris from 5 to 7 July. JUNIC discussed follow-up information activities to the World Summit for Social Development and reviewed the progress reports on the implementation of the information programmes for the Fourth World Conference on Women and the Second UN Conference on Human Settlements. In that regard, Committee members commended DPI for its coordination and implementation of the Summit's information programme. JUNIC also discussed system-wide cooperation in promoting a unified image of the Organization and nominated Samir Sanbar, Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information, as its Chairman for a two-year term, upon endorsement by the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

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